

Claim 145 (new). The method of claim 139 including conveying said articles in a linear path through the pickup station; transporting the cases along the radial path on a common transport surface generally in fixed positions relative to the transport surface along the radial path; and moving the pickup heads along the main radial path without swiveling.

Remarks

Applicant submits a new set of claims reducing the number of claims for examination from 42 to 27. On August 14, 2003, applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment canceling original claims 1 through 75. Applicant filed a new set of 42 claims, 76 through 118. To further prosecution, applicant has now cancelled claims 76 through 118 and replaced them with a set of 27 claims, 119 through 145, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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